

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Minor changes are made to this specification. Claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice. New claims 12- 24 are added. Claims 12-24 are pending in the application. Applicants have also added to each of the listed artificial sequences, SEQ ID NO:1-11, a comment about its source.

Also enclosed is a paper copy of the Sequence Listing, together with a statement verifying its contents and verifying that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing previously submitted are the same. No new matter has been added. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

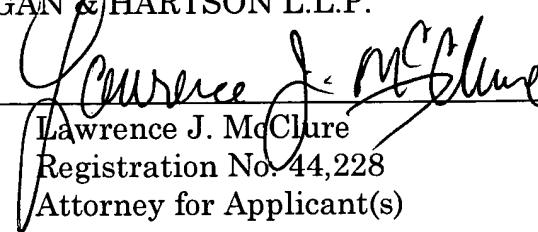
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Respectfully submitted,

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